

APPENDIX B**CERTIFICATION FOR TEACHERS OF GIFTED****General Requirements**

- A. A valid Missouri teaching certificate
 - 1. For areas with certification, this certificate must be at the grade level(s) in the subject area(s) of the teaching assignment.
 - 2. For areas without certification, this certificate must be in a related area at the grade level(s) assigned, with competencies in the teaching area.
- B. Two years teaching experience in the classroom
- C. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child

Professional Requirements (These include a minimum of 15 semester hours with no grade lower than C.)

- A. A minimum of nine semester hours selected from five basic fields of knowledge:
 - 1. A Survey of Gifted and Talented Education;
 - 2. Program Planning and Development: An Understanding of Administration and Supervision of Gifted Programs;
 - 3. Screening, Assessing, and Evaluating Gifted Students;
 - 4. Curriculum and Instruction for the Gifted; and
 - 5. Meeting the Affective Needs of Gifted Children.
- B. A minimum of one graduate course in research procedures.
- C. A three semester credit hour practicum, beyond the courses required for elementary and secondary certification, involving college or university supervised instruction of gifted students. (The practicum is waived for teachers who can verify a minimum of two years teaching experience in a state-approved gifted program. Provisional certification must have already been issued.)

Instructional personnel in the staff positions for which state aid is approved must hold a valid Missouri teaching certificate with endorsement in gifted education. (Provisional endorsement in gifted will be acceptable for this requirement.) Coursework must be completed at a college or university with an approved gifted education program. For questions regarding certification of teachers, please contact the Teacher Certification Section of the Department of Education at (573)751-0051, or e-mail [Margie Tanner](#).